

FACT SHEET

Making Pakenham Level Crossing-Free



A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will remove all four of the dangerous and congested level crossings in the heart of Pakenham, and transform the old Pakenham train station into a new public transport Superstation.

FOUR LEVEL CROSSINGS TO GO

Under a re-elected Labor Government, Pakenham will be level crossing free, with the dangerous and congested level crossings at Main Street, Cardinia Road, McGregor Road and Racecourse Road to be removed.

Removing them will save travel time for the 63,000 vehicles that currently use these crossings every day. It also allows more trains to run more often on the Pakenham and Gippsland lines.

HOW ARE THE LEVEL CROSSINGS BEING REMOVED?

The rail corridor will be raised through Pakenham with Racecourse Road, Main Street and McGregor Road to pass underneath it. Cardinia Road will be elevated over the rail corridor.



Image: Artist's Impression of Elevated Rail between Caulfield and Dandenong



Image: Artist's Impression of Rosanna Railway Station

WHY IS AN ELEVATED TRAIN STATION THE BEST SOLUTION?

- Means new open spaces for local families where currently the rail line splits the community.
- Gets rid of four level crossings with the least possible disruption to local residents and businesses.
- It makes it easier to widen roads, now and in the future.
- Saves months of the train line being shutdown and the roads being closed.
- It also provides more car parking, open space and bike paths.

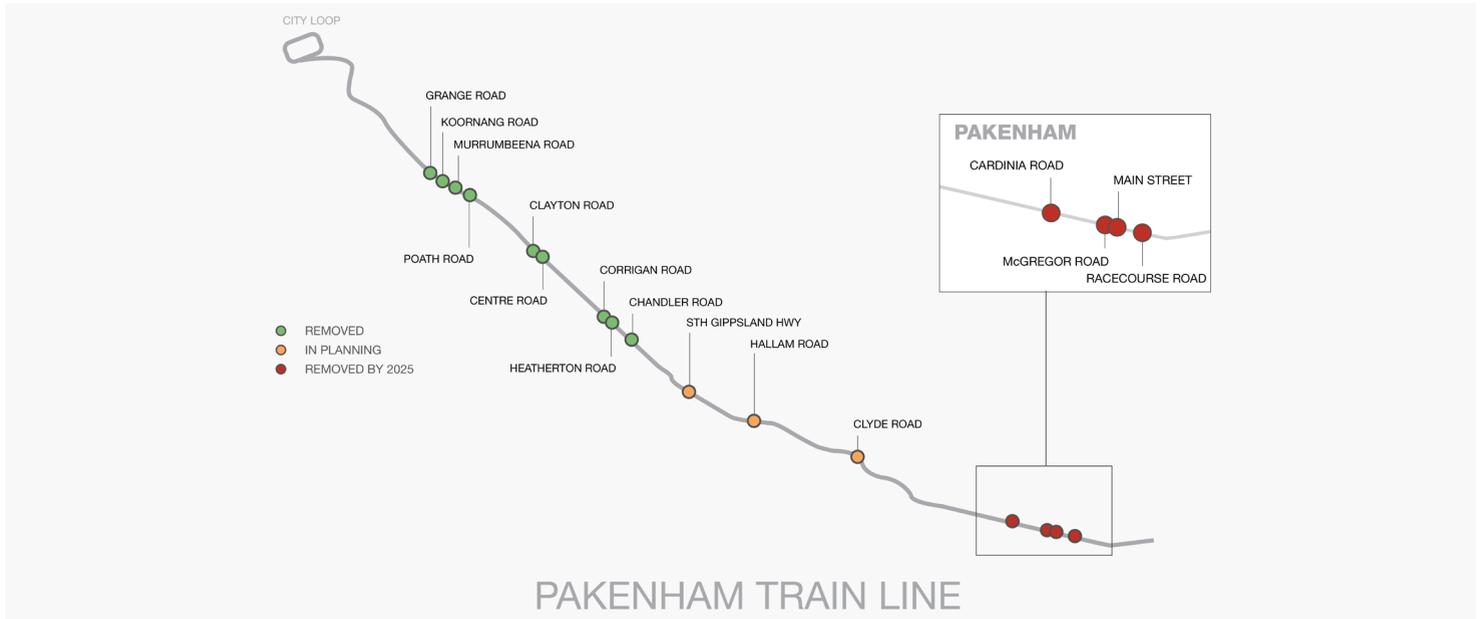
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PAKENHAM LEVEL CROSSING FAST FACTS:

- 63,000 vehicles use these crossings every day – a number forecast to increase to 71,000 by 2026.
- There have been two serious collisions since 2005, and 10 near misses since 2012.
- Up to 23 trains go through these crossings in the two hour morning peak, with the boom gates down for 30 per cent of the time.
- Passengers on the Pakenham line are expected to nearly double by 2026 meaning the boom gates would be down ever longer as more services are added and will run through the metro tunnel.



Level Crossings to be removed under a re-elected Andrews Labor Government

NEW THIRD TRACK

A third track will be built through Pakenham Station with an extra platform. This will deliver a seamless interchange for passengers and separation of Gippsland and Metro trains through the station, cutting travel times and allowing more services on both lines.

STATION CARPARKS

Labor's \$150 million Carparks for Commuters Fund will include funding to deliver an additional 450 carparks at Pakenham Station. If we're re-elected, we'll deliver the new car parks as part of our transformation of the station and town centre.